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DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI AND

WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. POWELL

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1. STATEMENTS BY ACTING FONMIN GHALI BEFORE PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES DEC 11 AND DEC 12 PRESS ADDED FOLLOW-
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ING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CAIRO CONFERENCE:

2. PROCEDURE. GHALI STATED CONFERENCE WILL OPEN 1030
DEC 14. UN COORDINATOR SIILASVUO WILL BE IN CHAIR AND
MAKE BRIEF SPEECH DURING ONE-HALF HOUR OPENING PUBLIC
SESSION. SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS WILL BE PRIVATE, AND CON-
FERENCE WILL HOLD MORNING AND EVENING MEETINGS. ACCORD-

ING GUMHURIYYA, ALL PARTIES IN ATTENDANCE WILL HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETING EVENING DEC 13 AT MENA HOUSE IN ORDER AGREE ON INITIAL PROCEDURES AND "ORDER OF THE MEETINGS". LANGUAGE TO BE USED THROUGHOUT WILL BE ENGLISH. CONFERENCE SPOKESMAN WILL BE CHOSEN AND EACH DELEGATION WILL BE ALLOWED SELECT OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF ITS OWN. NAME OF EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN CONFERENCE BEGINS. GHALI STRESSED THAT MEETING INFORMAL, UNOFFICIAL AND WITHOUT SPECIFIC AGENDA. ALL PARTIES WILL BE FREE TO PROPOSE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. ACCORDING AHAM, EGYPTIANS HAVE PREPARED DOCUMENTS ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND "BROAD LINES OF TOTAL SETTLEMENT".

3. ACCORDING PRESS, SEATS AT CONFERENCE TABLE, REPORTEDLY ROUND, HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR NINE INVITEES. REPORTS THAT NAMES OF THOSE PARTIES WHICH ARE "ASCERTAINED TO BE ABSTAINING" WILL BE STRUCK OUT, I.E. CHAIRS AND PLACE CARDS PRESUMABLY REMOVED.

4. INVITEES. GHALI SAID OTHER PARTIES, PRINCIPALLY JORDAN AND PLO, MAY YET ATTEND CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH JORDAN HAS "FOR CERTAIN REASONS" DECIDED THUS FAR NOT TO PARTICIPATE. SYRIA AND PLO YET TO REPLY OFFICIALLY TO INVITATIONS, GHALI NOTED, SO DOOR STILL OPEN TO THEM AS PRESIDENT SADAT HAD INDICATED.

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5. SOVIET REPLY INVALID ACCORDING GHALI. SOVIET CLAIM THAT GENEVA CO-CHAIRMEN ALONE ENTITLED EXTEND INVITATIONS PRETEXT, SINCE CAIRO DESIGNED ONLY TO PREPARE FOR GENEVA.

6. EQUALLY INVALID GHALI SAID, WAS LEBANESE CLAIM THAT IT NOT PARTY TO GENEVA CONFERENCE, COULD JOIN GENEVA ONLY IN FINAL PHASE, AND CONSEQUENTLY, WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN CAIRO CONFERENCE. AGAIN, ACCORDING GHALI, THERE NO LEGAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CAIRO AND GENEVA.

7. U.S. SPEAKING OF U.S. ROLE, GHALI SAID MAIN OBJECTIVE OF SECRETARY VANCE'S DEC 9-10 VISIT TO CAIRO WAS TO EXPRESS BEFORE WORLD U.S. SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE AND CAIRO CONFERENCE "WHICH U.S. REGARDS AS POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS GENEVA." IN QUESTIONING, GHALI SAID GOE HAD TOLD VANCE "WE NEED AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE NOW MORE THAN EVER, FOR WE HAVE REACHED NEGOTIATION STAGE." U.S. DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT, HE POINTED OUT, IS TO ENSURE JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION IS REACHED.

8. PALESTINIANS. GHALI POINTED OUT THAT PALESTINIAN GROUPS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED IN CAIRO WERE NOT

INVITED BY GOE, BUT BY MAJORITY CENTER PARTY.
"EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DEALS WITH PLO AND IS IN CONTINUOUS
CONTACT WITH IT IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING."

9. ISRAEL. PRESS REPORTS BRIEFLY THAT ISRAELI DELEGA-
TION WILL ARRIVE CAIRO DEC 13.

10. SECURITY, AKHBAR HAS REPORTED THAT MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR PREPARING "MOST EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES IT HAS
EVER UNDERTAKEN" FOR CONFERENCE. STATE OF EMERGENCY DE-
CLARED, LEAVES CANCELLED, AND SECURITY MEN ON VACATION
RECALLED. (PERSONNEL ALSO BORROWED FROM SECTIONS SUCH
AS ANTI-NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION.) PYRAMIDS AREA IN
FRONT AND AROUND MENA HOUSE HOTEL EXPECTED TO BE
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CLOSED OFF BY SECURITY CORDON, EXCEPT TO BEARERS OF
SPECIAL PERMITS. REPORTS EXPECT 1000 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

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